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It is interesting to know that Spain is building up a fine new navy for the benefit of her next opponent on the high seas.

The Adams and Icarus are welcome to Honolulu where there is hospitality enough to assure them enjoyment in making a longer stay than they intend.

Why has there been such a sudden cessation on the part of the "city and county" press in the effort to get leading taxpayers to give pro-charter interviews?

There is an unusual dullness in Christmas trade this year. Perhaps all the gift money has gone to pay rent and all the rent money gone to pay for sugar stocks.

Perhaps the stories of gold in Samoa were first whispered by Commodore Weaver, who has a penchant for finding resources there which will buoy up a nice stock speculation abroad.

The Sierra probably had to wait over time for the English mails. In December steamers on the Atlantic and trains across the continent are likely to be delayed, in which events Australian-bound vessels with Royal mail contracts must wait at the San Francisco dock.

The mouldy chestnut about Hilo paying for Honolulu improvements has again been shaken down. As a matter of fact Hilo has always had as much from the taxpayers of Honolulu as she has given in return. Left to her own devices she would be the most unhappy burg in the group, for it would take all the taxes she now pays to foot the bills of city and county administration, leaving nothing for public buildings and street work.

Territorial taxes would not go by the board in case a municipality were organized—far from it. The Legislature would continue to appropriate and the people would be compelled to foot the bills with county and city expenses as an extra charge. If Honolulu were subjected to such a burden its advantages as a place to settle in for residence or business could not fail to be lessened. Nothing does more to turn home-seekers away than high taxes and their natural sequence of high rents.

The late Bos'n Ben, aged 61, claimed to be a full brother of James Gordon Bennett, father of the present owner of the New York Herald, and a local paper assures its readers that he may have told the truth. The biographical evidence, however, goes against the claim, as James Gordon Bennett, Sr., was born in 1795. The date of Bos'n Ben's birth was 1839, a difference between the two dates of 44 years. It is hardly supposable that the elder Bennett, at 44, had a baby brother, especially as his father and mother had been dead many years past.

It is astonishing how well the late army scout, Bennett, carried on a double life in the small precinct of Wai-iki. To his commanding officer and his soldier comrades at Camp McKinley the scout was a model of the temperate virtues; but at a road house, half a mile away, he was a very roysterer of the gay old times in France when the bubbles of life danced along on a stream of champagne. The testimony at the coroner's inquest about the convivial habits of the dead scout will be read with astonishment at Camp McKinley, especially by those who thought they had known the man best.

The fears of the Swedes are being excited by the presence of presumed Russian spies who travel about their country in the guise of saw-filers. The Swedes look upon Russia as their natural enemy, as indeed it is. Nothing would suit the Czar better than to own the ice-free port of Hammerfest in Norway and to divide control with none but Denmark the narrow passage which connects the Baltic with the North Sea. It is believed that the Czar's hand is in the trouble between Norway and Sweden and that, under certain contingencies, he would support the Norwegians in an effort to withdraw from the union. Hence the excitement which the presence of even Russian tinkers creates.

It is proper enough that people who connect their homes with the sewers should pay for the privilege. That is the custom in many cities and it is one that has common fairness to back it. That the cost is more of a burden upon the householder than a general sewer tax would be is probably true, but the circumstance does not count in favor of municipal government as against the present system of local rate. If a municipality had a sewer like that of Honolulu to build, it would probably make the thing cost twice as much and involve the matter of house service in the machinations of an official plumbing ring. The cost of avoiding that state of things is cheap when compared with the cost of carrying on the government we might have.

California and Oregon have got over their Belgian hare craze. Fortunately, Hawaii, warned in time by the Advertiser, did not succumb to it. Touching the results in California the San Diego Sun says: "Already many breeders are preparing to turn their rabbits loose on the country, as they cannot sell them at any price, and the fear has become general that if this is done the country will be literally overrun within five years. Supervisor Griffin reported that one woman near Encinitas has 3,000 which she intends to liberate and several other examples were given. It appears that the favorite food of the Belgian hare is the tender bark of young fruit trees, and if the hares are not exterminated the young fruit trees will be. The supervisors, therefore, passed an ordinance compelling all owners of Belgian hares to keep the animals strictly confined, fixing the penalty for turning them loose at not less than \$20 nor more than \$100. Some effort is being made to get the hare an entree in the East but the venture does not promise to succeed.

COST OF CAMPAIGNS.

The popular idea as to what it costs to defray the expenses of a presidential campaign, says the Kansas City Journal, is vague and indefinite. Owing to the reckless assertions of demagogues and political ignoramus as to the vast amounts the "other side" is expending, the general impression probably is that much more money is used for conducting these campaigns than is ever really employed. In the late contest, for example, it was publicly declared and frequently reiterated that the big corporations had contributed \$25,000,000 to the Republican fund. Fusion orators and organs in Kansas boldly asserted that Mark Hanna had set aside \$10,000,000 to carry that state. No such sums have ever been raised for campaign purposes in this country. Party leaders all know this, especially those who have served as members of national committees. Campaign funds are much larger these days, however, than they were twenty-five years ago. This is due partly to the fact that the country has grown larger and more populous, and partly to the fact that it is only in recent years that speakers have been paid for their services on the stump.

In the current number of the World's Work a few figures are presented which throw some light on the amount expended in presidential campaigns and the sources from which the contributions come. We quote from the publication referred to as follows:

"The fund used to elect Mr. Cleveland in 1884 came, in the main, from a dozen men. Mr. William L. Scott, Mr. William C. Whitney and Mr. Oliver H. Payne each gave, it is believed, quite \$100,000. It is thought that Mr. Edward Cooper and Mr. Abram S. Hewitt each contributed an equal amount. Senator Benjamin F. Jones was chairman of the Republican national committee in that year and he paid a deficiency at the end of the campaign of \$115,000 out of his own pocket. Nor was he the only heavy loser. Mr. Blaine at the outset of the campaign drew his check for \$25,000 and later he advanced \$100,000, which was never paid. It is thought that it was mainly to retrieve his loss that he wrote his 'Twenty Years in Congress.'

"Mr. William L. Scott's contribution to the Democratic campaign fund in 1888 was \$250,000. Other generous contributors were Messrs. Christopher C. Baldwin, E. C. Benedict and William C. Whitney, who added perhaps another quarter million to the fund; but the liberality of Mr. Cleveland's friends did not prevent a deficiency at the close of the campaign of \$200,000, which Senator Calvin S. Brice, then chairman of the Democratic national committee, is said to have paid out of his own pocket. A large sum, it has been said \$400,000, of the Republican campaign fund of 1888 was collected by Mr. John Wanamaker. An equal amount was raised in New York city through the efforts of Mr. Cornelius N. Bliss and Governor Levi P. Morton. Four days before the election, Senator Quay, who managed the Republican campaign, felt the urgent need of an additional \$200,000 and appealed to Senator T. C. Platt, Senator Platt at first protested that, in the brief time, the task was an impossible one; but he finally accomplished it by discounting a note which, according to common belief, bore the endorsement of Mr. Collis P. Huntington. The largest contributions to the Democratic campaign funds four years ago were made by the 'silver interests'—the owners of silver mines.

"It is an open secret that the largest subscriber to the Republican campaign fund in 1896 was Mr. William K. Vanderbilt, who voluntarily sent his check for \$150,000. The largest subscription from a corporation came from a purely savings and benevolent association, whose directors voted \$25,000 to protect their depositors from loss of their savings."

"Officeholders are another certain source of revenue to the national committee of the party in power, and a third source is a considerable class of men who, anxious to secure political prominence or to occupy high positions, give lavishly as a means of advancing their personal interests. Finally comes the aggregate of small popular subscriptions which, especially in contests of unusual enthusiasm, is a large sum."

The World's Work estimates that the total amount collected for campaign purposes by the national committees this year aggregated in round numbers \$5,000,000 and that this was larger than the amount collected in any previous campaign. The statements quoted in this article are probably not accurate in all particulars as to amount of contributions and the sources from which they came, but as a whole the showing is a reasonable and doubtless a true one. It is also interesting to note in this connection that comparatively little of the money raised for national campaigns is spent for the purpose of corrupting the ballot. The legitimate requirements of these great contests are sufficient to account for all the large sums collected and disbursed in carrying them on.

Touching promised data about an order of the Department of Justice to bring suit to annul land sales and leases made by the Territory the local anti-Dole journals cloud over every few days but they never manage to rain.

A Curious Character.

Yesterday James Bennett, a well known character in town, died at the Victoria hospital. The deceased was about 61 years of age and was one of the typical characters who in the early life of Honolulu now turns up as a common drunk, then as a daring smuggler of opium and then as a well informed, educated man. He was originally a printer and we have reason to believe the truth of his statement that he was a brother to the father of James Gordon Bennett, the celebrated owner of the New York Herald. When in liquor Bennett rarely mentioned his relationship to the famous commodore. When perfectly sober he was as a rule reticent, but when the writer was a fellow prisoner with him in Oahu jail he spoke in a way which carried with it the conviction that the man told the truth, and subsequent investigations at Washington have not shaken that belief. "Bos'n Ben," the name by which he was known here, admitted always that he was the black sheep in his family, but he always claimed that he was swindled and robbed by his brother and by his nephew, the world-known newspaper man and millionaire. Who can tell? Sometimes facts are stranger than fiction, and today perhaps the uncle of the Herald man lies in a pauper's grave in Honolulu.—Independent

OF CURRENT INTEREST.

A Wealthy City's Socialist Mayor.

"We have the remarkable spectacle of one of the wealthiest cities in France, a city of millionaires and famous as a seat of learned universities, ruled by a Socialist Mayor, M. Delory, and a Socialist Board of Aldermen," said a resident of Lille, while tarrying briefly in Washington the other day. "They clamor for the distribution of the immense wealth in Lille equally among the population. The saloon-keepers, the street vendors and, excuse me, many fools are ruling over us. Lille is a large city of 300,000 inhabitants, and near by are two other manufacturing cities, one of them having a population of 125,000, so that, altogether, there is a population of 500,000 people within what is practically one city. You must not forget that there is also a Socialist member of President Loubet's Cabinet, M. Millerand, who belongs to a family of the nobility."

Entitled to a Band Wagon Seat.

Garrett Gibson, of Muncie, Ind., who says that twenty-three members of his family voted for McKinley, and thinks this record cannot be beaten, must give way to the descendants of Isaac Thompson, for seventy-five years a resident of both, left them in charge of a few weeks ago 101 years old. Four years ago Mr. Thompson voted for McKinley, as did four children, thirty grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. This year the vote was decreased by the death of Mr. Thompson, but, on the other hand, increased now by the younger members, making a total of thirty-eight votes for McKinley. This is a record that can hardly be equaled in any stronghold of Republicanism.

More "Commercialism in Politics."

Many and various have been the bills paid by Mark Hanna in the past six months, but an Indiana woman doubtless has the honor of presenting the most original of the lot. On the day Mr. Hanna was in Fort Wayne Mrs. Mary Dunlap put three dozen pigs' feet to boil, left them in charge of her husband and went to the other end of town on a visit. Along came a brass band shortly and Mr. Dunlap locked the door and followed the music. While he was gone the pigs' feet were copiously burned, and now Mrs. Dunlap has sent a bill of 50 cents to the President-maker.

In the Widow's Hands.

The daily fortune is to go to the widow, to be held by her in trust for the four children, Mary, Harriet, Margaret and Marcus, Jr. Just what the fortune amounts to has not been figured, but those familiar with his affairs estimate it to be not less than \$400,000. The estate has increased enormously during the past two years. In addition, the copper king made large sums in speculation. He was unusually successful in the "street." On one recent deal alone he is said to have netted \$70,000.

Brahmin Prayers for Muller.

During the illness of Professor Max Muller at the end of last year public prayers were offered in a Hindu temple at Madras for his recovery, a distinction never before given to a European. Similar services were also performed in other towns in India, including Benares, the center of Brahminic learning and Brahminic orthodoxy. When the news of his recent serious illness arrived all the priests and pundits of Benares assembled together and agreed to offer prayers in their sacred temple for his recovery.

Funny, but With Limitations.

One of the jokes at the Lotus Club dinner to Mark Twain was perpetrated by Senator Depew, who told a story about a rural friend of his who once came to hear Mark Twain lecture in Boston. When he got back the Senator asked: "Hear Mark?" "Yes," "Was he funny?" "Yes, funny; but not so funny." The Senator learned later that his friend had strolled into Music Hall and heard the Rev. Joseph Cook.

Coal Mined With Electricity.

Electric coal cutting machinery is rapidly displacing hand work and other varieties of mechanical mining appliances in the collieries of Great Britain and the United States. The coal thus mined is cleaner, the waste less and the effect of the machine on the ventilation and temperature of the mine is less than with any other mechanism.

Special Heroism Remembered.

Twenty-five Victoria crosses have been awarded so far in the South African war. Eight have been given to captains, three to lieutenants, including the one given to Lady Roberts by proxy for her dead son, four to sergeants, four to corporals, two to majors and one each to a gunner, a driver, a trooper and a private infantryman.

Seats on 'Change Cost More.

Seats in the New York Stock Exchange are affected by the prosperity boom which began last Tuesday. The other day \$45,000 was offered for one seat, which is an increase of \$3,000 over former quotations. Chances are the price will go still higher. Seats on 'change have always been gilt-edged investments.

Corporation Notices.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual meeting of the shareholders of H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., was held at Honolulu on December 18th, 1900, and that the following gentlemen are the officers of the company for the ensuing year:

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F. W. KLEBAHN,
Secretary.
Honolulu, December 19th, 1900. 5732

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